



# Saguaro National Park (West)

## Naturalist Program Schedule

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Programs meet at the Red Hills Visitor Center, 2700 N. Kinney Road, and last 30 to 45 minutes, unless noted otherwise. Program schedules are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5158 for updates. See [www.nps.gov/sagu](http://www.nps.gov/sagu) for other programs. *Programs marked with an \* are wheelchair accessible.*

### April 19 – April 25, 2010

#### **National Park Week April 18 – 24**

In addition to regularly scheduled lectures and walks presented by park naturalists, the following special programs will be offered each day this week:

**Daily 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Arizona Parks Exhibit**

A special exhibit about the National Parks in Arizona will be displayed in the Red hills Visitor Center this week.

**Daily 11:45 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. National Parks Trivia Game**

Do you think you know your National Parks? Test your knowledge in our special Trivia Contest. Prizes for winners! Accessible.

#### **Tuesday – April 20**

**10:45 a.m. Adaptations: Recipe for Survival** *Easy 100 yard Walk\**

Take a walk in our Cactus Garden Walk to discover some physical and behavioral adaptations of desert plants.

**12:15 a.m. Life Cycle of the Saguaro: Seed to Giant** *Easy 100 yard Walk\**

Some astonishing reasons given on why so few Saguaro seeds make it to fruition.

**1:15 p.m. Meet the Cuckoo of the Desert** *Illustrated Talk\**

Learn about the natural history, behaviors and fascinating facts about this colorful creature: the Roadrunner.

#### **Thursday – April 22**

**10:45 a.m. Desert Sojourn** *Patio Talk\**

Find out why this human perceived “harsh” environment is “Heaven on earth” for animals and plants.

**1:15 p.m. Ancient Graffiti** *Illustrated Talk\**

Learn about the different kinds of rock art from the past, who made them and how we determine their age.

#### **Friday – April 23**

**1:15 p.m. Homesteading Adventures in the Desert** *Patio Talk\**

Enjoy the fascinating oral history surrounding Mexican American Homesteaders’ adventures around Saguaro National Park communities.

**3:15 p.m. Snakes** *Patio Talk\**

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#### **Saturday – April 24**

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**12:15 a.m. Road Kill! Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?** *Patio Talk\**

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**2:45 p.m. Neighborhood Characters** *Easy 100 yard Walk\**

See if you recognize plant versions of your friends and relatives as you take a 30-minute nature walk in the Red Hills Visitors Center neighborhood.

**3:15 p.m. The CCC and its impact on Saguaro National Park** *Illustrated Talk\**

The Civilian Conservation Corps was a Depression-era work program that had a great influence on National, State, and County parks throughout the Nation. Saguaro's trails, picnic areas, and scenic drives were established during this program. A brief history of the CCC in this area will be illustrated with old photo images and movie clips.

**Sunday – April 25**

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**2:45 p.m. Romance in the Desert** *Patio Talk\**

Romance is alive and well in the desert. Come hear about the suitor with the Stradivarius, the jousting suitor and other romances in the desert.

**5:30 p.m. Moon Take Night Make Day** *2.5 miles, 3 hr. Hike*

Walk up a desert wash during the transition from day to night. Enjoy the sunset and stroll in the moonlit desert.  
Reservations required; call 733-5158